

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph 23, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] The structure and function of the exemplary single level dynamic bone fixation plate is described in detail in commonly owned, co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. Publication No. 2004-0204712 A1, filed concurrently herewith, entitled Bone Fixation Plates (Attorney Docket No. DEP-5156), which is incorporated herein in by reference. One skilled in the art will appreciate that the locking systems disclosed herein and described in detail below may be incorporated in any type or size bone fixation plate, including both rigid and dynamic plates, as well as any other bone fixation devices